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TAGS: PORG, SF, WA
SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: CONTACT GROUP MEETING AUGUST 17:
MILITARY CONCERNS

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1. CONTACT GROUP MET AUGUST 17 TO DISCUSS DRAFT
MANDATE (SEPTTEL) AND APPROACHES TO PARTIES COUNSELLING
RESTRAINT ON MILITARY ACTIVITY. UK SAID THAT HMG DID
NOT BELIEVE THAT ONLY ONE MEMBER OF FIVE SHOULD
APPROACH SAG AND THUS PRIME MINISTER CALLAHAN DID NOT
AGREE WITH SUGGESTION THAT HE CORRESPOND DIRECTLY
WITH VORSTER. GROUP AGREED THAT BEST ALTERNATIVE WAS
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AN APPROACH BY THE FIVE IN PRETORIA TO THE SAG AT
BOTH OR FOURIE LEVEL. FOUR AGREED THAT THE U.S.
SUGGESTED LANGUAGE (DATAFAXED FROM DEPARTMENT AUGUST 17)
WAS PROBABLY TOO ALARMIST. CANADA AGREED TO DO REDRAFT
BASED ON FOLLOWING POINTS: FIVE: 1) TOOK NOTE OF SAG
COOPERATION WITH AHTISAARI MISSION; 2) TOOK NOTE OF
SAG REPORTS OF INCREASING GUERRILLA ACTIVITY IN NORTH;

3) VIEWED ANY INCREASE IN MILITARY ACTIVITY WITH CONCERN;
4) STRONGLY SUPPORTED SYG'S CALL FOR RESTRAINT; 5) WOULD
BE APPROACHING BOTH SWAPO AND FRONTLINE STATES
THEMSELVES TO COUNSEL RESTRAINT; 6) TRUSTED THAT SAG
WOULD NOT TAKE ANY ACTIONS WHICH WOULD EXACERBATE THE
SITUATION.

2. GROUP VOICED NO OBJECTION TO U.S. MESSAGE TO NETO
ON NAMIBIA VIA CHARGE IN KINSHASA. REGARDING TALKING
POINTS DATAFAXED FROM DEPARTMENT, GROUP: (1) ARGUED
STRONGLY AGAINST MENTIONING SPECTRE OF ANOTHER SOUTH
AFRICAN ASSAULT ON SWAPO BASES OUTSIDE OF NAMIBIA AND
THOUGHT THEREFORE THAT SECOND SENTENCE OF FIRST TICK
SHOULD BE DELETED; (2) THOUGHT THAT PENULTIMATE TICK
REGARDING UNITA WAS TOO DETAILED. GROUP
SUGGESTED THAT POINT BE MADE IN A MUCH MORE GENERAL
FASHION, I.E., SUCCESSFUL NAMIBIAN SOLUTION WILL HAVE
POSITIVE BENEFITS FOR ANGOLA; (3) SUGGESTED REFERENCE TO
WALDHEIM'S COUNSEL OF RESTRAINT.

3. US AGREED TO DRAFT MESSAGES TO SWAPO AND TO OTHER
FRONTLINE STATES, PICKING UP APPROPRIATE POINTS FROM
AMENDED MESSAGE TO NETO. GROUP AGREED TO MEET AT NOON,
AUGUST 18 TO APPROVE DRAFT MESSAGES TO SAG, SWAPO AND
FRONTLINE STATES LESS ANGOLA. GROUP AGREED THAT
MESSAGES SHOULD REACH RECIPIENTS NO LATER THAN MONDAY,
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